
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TAKE
ACTION TO PROTECT 'ILIAHI, HAWAIIAN SANDALWOOD.

1 WHEREAS, 'Iliahi, or Hawaiian Sandalwood, is an endemic and
2 endangered native Hawaiian tree; and
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4 WHEREAS, 'Iliahi species have many medicinal and ornamental
5 uses, and the wood of 'Iliahi trees has been prized and harvested
6 for centuries; and
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8 WHEREAS, 'Iliahi wood was exported from Hawaii in great
9 amounts during the early 1800s, nearly making these native
10 species extinct; and
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12 WHEREAS, losing the few remaining native 'Iliahi trees in
13 Hawaii would be a great tragedy and a loss of Hawaiian history
14 and culture; and
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16 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Land and Natural
17 Resources is to "enhance, protect, conserve and manage Hawaii's
18 unique and limited natural, cultural and historic resources held
19 in public trust for current and future generations of the people
20 of Hawaii nei, and its visitors, in partnership with others from
21 the public and private sectors"; and
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23 WHEREAS, protecting endangered native 'Iliahi trees is,
24 without question, part of the department's mission; and
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26 WHEREAS, there remains a market for the export of native
27 'Iliahi wood, and this contributes to the threat of extinction of
28 'Iliahi trees; and
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30 WHEREAS, it is necessary to take action to protect the
31 remaining native 'Iliahi trees; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
5 and Natural Resources is urged to establish a comprehensive
6 program for protecting native 'Iliahi trees; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
9 Natural Resources is urged to invest in efforts to replant
10 'Iliahi trees so that these endangered native species thrive once
11 again in Hawaii; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
15 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

